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SUBJECT: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THROUGH MONTHLY INFORMAL GATHERING OF
DONOR GOVT. REPS THAT IRELAND HAS POSTED A REPRESENTATIVE IN
MASERU TO HANDLE ALL MATTERS CONCERNING IRISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION WITH GOVT OF LESOTHO. THE EC ALREADY HAS A DELEGATION
HERE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. DENMARK IS REPRESENTED BY A DANISH
VOLUNTEER SERVICE REP WITH RANK OF CONSUL. SOME OTHER DONORS
(UK, U.S., FRG, ROC) ARE REPRESENTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
IN MASERU. MANY DONORS (INCL. NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND, CANADA,
AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN, ETC.) DO NOT MAINTAIN ANY REPRESENTATION
IN LESOTHO.

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2. IN JUNE A MR. B. J. LYONS, FIRST SECRETARY, DEPT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, DUBLIN, CALLED ON THE AID OPERATIONS OFFICER HERE. HE
INFORMED US HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NEGOTIATING WITH GOL ON ESTABLISHING
A NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION UNIT, A FOR-PROFIT COMPANY TO BE OWNED
BY THE GOL AND STAFFED BY IRISH PERSONNEL SECONDED FROM AN IRISH
GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION UNIT IS UNDEFINED OR AT LEAST UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME.
ACCORDING TO LYONS, THE IRISH GOVT INTENDS TO DEVELOP OTHER
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS HERE BUT THESE ARE STILL BE BE
NEGOTIATED. WE UNDERSTAND THEY WILL HAVE AS MANY AS THIRTY
TECHNICIANS IN LESOTHO WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. (FYI: IRELAND
IS ALREADY INVOLVED IN A PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE LESOTHO MOUNTAIN
PONY STOCK THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF A CONNEMARA PONY STUD.)
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